

The Press.

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ONE YEAR - ONE DOLLAR

No political party will bring the millennium.

It is the duty of the government to protect the people from the train robbers.

It looks as if the Mason-Weaver Company will eventually keep up a middle in Kentucky prison matters.

Secretary Carlisle has been invited to make a speech at Louisville, and to accept the invitation.

The women of San Bernardino, Cal., have met in Convention and nominated a full county ticket.

A dispatch from Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Iron and steel mills in this locality are enjoying a period of unprecedented prosperity."

Good men for Justice of the Peace. Remember that the county finances are in the hands of the Board of Magistrates. It is an important place.

Breakeridge's Democracy is all right, no matter if he is off on some other things. He will make speeches for the cause in the Ashland district.

Capt. W. J. Stone is making some telling speeches over the district in behalf of the ticket and John Hendricks. The Captain does not sink in his test as he goes off after strange goss.

The South Carolina dispensary law may be passed upon by the Supreme court of the United States. The city of Allen has given notice that it will appeal to that great tribunal.

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Ficklen, the anarchist who was pardoned by Gov. Altgeld, has concluded to get some satisfaction out of life by going to work on a farm; he says he will agitate his anarchistic views no longer, notwithstanding he still has

force in them. If all the fellows who are trying to stir up the devil generally over the country will, like Ficklen, betake themselves to some honest calling, they will get more satisfaction out of life, and life will be more satisfactory to the rest of us. If the disorganizers in general would spend as much energy in improving the opportunities for great country efforts for the civilization of peace and prosperity, as they do in tearing down and belittling the existing order of things, this part of the world would be the happier for it.

There are still some lingering fears about the Administration at Washington. James H. Hoke, United States District Attorney at Chattanooga, Tenn., has been notified by Attorney General Olney that District Attorneys are not to take an active part in political work. Hoke was expected to take the stump. Such rulings "take the cake."

The sons and daughters of Jay Gould have erected a church at the birthplace of their father, and presented it to the congregation at Rosbury, New York. These sons and daughters have a perfect right in erecting that church, and give it to whom they please, but they should not credit themselves with a religious act in the matter. They worship Gould, not the Jewish Nazarene, who said to a certain ruler: "Half all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor."

We are authorized to announce Mr. J. W. Mahey a candidate for Justice of the Peace of Dyerburg district. Mr. Mahey is a good, sound, solid, reliable citizen, and possesses the qualifications necessary to make a good officer, and doubtless if chosen will reflect credit upon his district. He will appreciate your vote and promise of elected a faithful discharge of duty, and a careful guarding of every interest intrusted to his care.

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The Schools as I Find Them.

Spoke in the Press, being asked, I will attempt to tell you from time to time something of the schools as I see them. In these articles I shall attempt to be perfectly candid, and state things as I understand them. Should I make a mistake I invite criticism and correction. Should I give fuller reports of some schools than others, just makeable that I had more time or felt more in a mood to write. My first visit was to Olive Branch. Miss Annie McConnell is teaching. The district reports 54 pupils; 24 have been enrolled and 31 were present. This is unusual attendance and speaks well for the teacher, as this is her second term at this place. I reached the school at morning hours and spent the rest of the day. I ate dinner under the trees with the teacher and pupils and felt for a time like a school girl again. In the afternoon two of the trustees and a member of the parents came in; they brought with them an excellent set of maps and charts, the children being greatly interested in them. The trustees proposed to pay for their subscription. The school appears to be doing well; the teacher was working hard, the pupils studying well, the order was very good. The only defect I noticed was a slight disposition on the part of the trustees to be a little too neighborly. This grows out of being too much crowded in the house is too small and the seats not sufficient. The building of a new house was discussed and before next year goes by we may expect a nice new house in that district—and good furniture, too, if Olive Branch still has the progressive spirit it used to have.

My next visit was to my home district, Coppens Spring, Sept. 18. Miss Nellie Walker is teaching. It is a pretty place with an excellent spring. A nice new school house has taken the place of the old log house in which your humble servant suffered his education. While examining the new building desks my mind went back to the board that I put on legs in one corner that I might "play" without bending myself into an interrogation point. Then I thought of the open floor, the old wood stove and the cold toes we usually kept somewhere about us. I am glad that the children have comforts that I could not have. The district numbers 47 pupils more than fifty per cent were in attendance. The order was very good, as good as I have seen, much better than it used to be when I was there. Did you ever think, parents, that an improvement in your children?

This is Miss Walker's second term, both have been taught at this place. The children are working well, the only criticism I could make was that the pupils did not speak as distinctly. Several had results, which I will not stop to enumerate, are liable to follow this habit; teachers should attempt to have it amended. I would suggest that teachers who find this trouble in their school should never repeat what the child says, but require him to repeat until all have understood. I have great faith in Miss Walker's success as a teacher. She is energetic, industrious and deeply interested in the children under her care. I believe I will tell something on her at the risk of her displeasure. As we were walking home that evening through the woods over the hill we came to a log across the path. She said: "That log has been a great help to me in teaching. Every morning when I come to this log I think, now if anything comes up today that is unpleasant, I am not going around it, I'll go over it just as I go over this log." May not that suggestion help some other teacher when beset with difficulties. She said something else that pleased me better, she said she never went into the school room until she had asked God to guide her and bless her efforts.

September 20 I visited Miss Cora Gardner's school. She is in Sugar Grove district, No. 37. I had not intended to visit her that day, but finding school dismissed in an adjoining district I went over there with out notifying her, but I found a clean floor, a neat teacher and a well behaved school. The attendance was not very large on account of work at home. Among the first things that attracted my attention were a motto and exercises for little children printed on the board. The teacher was easy, dignified and impressive; these are very important qualities in persons who are to stand continually as models for little children. This is her fourth term at this place, and there appears to be a strong bond of sympathy and love between her and the children. The house and seats are not very good. I hope the people will make up their minds to have better ones soon.

Next day I visited Blowing Spring district No. 38. Edwin Walker is teaching. The district numbers 75, about fifty per cent were present. The teacher's register showed much better attendance, a number were away on account of a protracted

meeting. They have a good, new house and tolerably good seats of the kind but they have to do. They will make up for the house this year, then they will improve the furniture. The teacher is pleased with her school and the school is pleased with its teacher—so far as I was able to learn. I was greatly interested by every exercise and especially with the programme about noon, when the teacher and one of the girls put a whole class together and invited me to join in the proceedings. One of the contributions most forcibly impressed on me by visiting is that the teachers of this county are a hard working class of people. If any of you have a different opinion, I invite you to go with me next week and see for yourself.

M. WHEELER.

Teachers Association.

Crittenden county teachers joint association for the year 1893-94 met, pursuant to call of county superintendent on Oct. 13th, 1894. County Superintendent presiding; prayer by W. E. Wilson. M. F. Pogue was appointed secretary. The following members enrolled:

H. A. Ward, W. F. Flannery, B. B. Gase, C. E. Towery, F. A. Cullin, B. M. Allen, A. F. Crider, Chas. Evans, W. A. Blackburn and Misses May Jackson, Marie Kevill, Joseph Cramer, Mary Moore, Della Kevill and Misses S. W. Adams, B. E. Martin, W. E. Wilson, W. C. M. Travis, J. G. Ward, P. J. Ward, J. B. Parry, J. B. Simpson, G. A. Lowry, John Reynolds, Ed. Walker, E. E. Thurman, C. G. Hughes, W. F. Mitt.

The following places were present in order for holding the next association: Shady Grove, Dyerburg, Tule, Weston and Union, Shady Grove, Weston, Tule and Union were elected.

On motion it was decided to hold these district associations on Saturday in each month, following pay day. It was also decided to hold a session during the holidays—on Saturday following Christmas.

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SALEM.

Dr. P. R. Shelby and wife attended the fair at Princeton last week. Miss Mattie Parker is visiting in Illinois.

Mrs. Sallie Miles is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Thos Evans.

Mrs. Carrie Brandon, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mattie Parker, left for her home in Shepherdsville Sunday.

J. T. Spears and Jim Parker, of Missouri, are shaking hands with their friends.

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